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single case of plague has yet appeared in any part of Japan save the island of Formosa, where it has, so far, attacked the Chinese almost exclusively. Relapsing fever is spreading and threatens very seriously to assume epidemic proportions. Up to the present date it has broken out in the following fu and ken, though only very incomplete statistics are to be obtained: Tokyo Fu, Kyoto Fu, Osaka Fu, Okayama Ken, Nagano Ken, Fukushima Ken, Hiogo Ken, Kagawa Ken (since May 29, 1,071 cases), Tokushima Ken (since May 29, 181 cases), Chiba Ken (since May 29, 70 cases), Tochigi Ken (since May 29, 57 cases), Gumma Ken (since May 29, 32 cases), Shidzuoka Ken (since May 29, 14 cases), Gifu Ken, and Kanagawa Ken.

The home department remarks, in a communication to me to-day: "The number of cases reported to-day is over 2,400. A large number are, undoubtedly, unreported, so that the real number of cases is far greater than this. The disease is increasing and spreading rapidly."

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

*Sanitary inspection of vessels bound for the United States.*

YOKOHAMA, June 9, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that, since April 10, up to which time I have reported, I have inspected vessels as follows: April 18, steamship *Doric*, bound for San Francisco. April 21, bark *Petitcodiac*, bound for Port Townsend; April 24, steamship *Tacoma*, bound for Tacoma; April 25, steamship *Hankow*, bound for New York, and steamship *China*, bound for San Francisco; April 29, steamship *Strathnevis*, bound for New York; May 1, ship *Glenogil*, bound for New York, and steamship *Altmore*, bound for Portland; May 5, steamship *Belgie*, bound for San Francisco; May 14, steamship *Victoria*, bound for Tacoma; May 21, ship *Bischoff*, bound for New York, and steamship *Peru*, bound for San Francisco; May 30, steamship *Coptic*, bound for San Francisco; May 31, steamship *Rio de Janeiro*, bound for San Francisco, and steamship *Olympia*, bound for Tacoma; June 4, steamship *Asloun*, bound for Portland; June 9, steamship *Gaelic*, bound for San Francisco.

All the foregoing were free from infection on leaving this port.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,  
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PERU.

*Prevalence of smallpox in Lima and Callao.*

LIMA, PERU, June 15, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department of State that smallpox is raging in Lima and Callao to an almost unprecedented extent.

The authorities are doing what they can by vaccination, fumigation, etc., to arrest the progress of the dread disease, but it seems rather to increase than to diminish. \* \* \*

J. A. MCKENZIE,  
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Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.